



The Gathering

@Northfield United Methodist Parish

February 2, 2025

4th Sunday after Epiphany

We invite you to silence your phones prior to the start of worship.

Gathering

Greetings and Ministry Updates

Praise

*The Call to Worship

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
and to sing praises to the one who gives life
**We come to tell of your loving-kindness by
morning, and of your faithfulness by night.**

Psalm 92:1-2

*Songs of Praise

- *Love Lifted Me*
Lyrics on back
- *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
UMH 384, Vss. 1, 2, 3

*Affirming Our Faith

Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.
Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
From my birth I have leaned upon you,
my protector since my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.

*Giving Glory to God (*The Gloria Patri*)

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

Listening for God to Speak

The Story of Faith

1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Common English Bible

13 If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. **2** If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing. **3** If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

4 Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, **5** it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, **6** it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. **7** Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end. **9** We know in part and we prophesy in part; **10** but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end. **11** When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I've put an end to childish things. **12** Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known. **13** Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

The Word in Song

The Word Proclaimed

Rev. Jay Voorhees

*Hymn of Response

- *The Gift of Love*
UMH 408

The Work of the Church

Celebrating God's Gifts

- Sharing God's Presence This Week
- Presenting Our Offerings

Giving Thanks for God's Gifts

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Prayers of the Community

- Sharing of Concerns
- The Prayers of the People
- The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Our Choral Benediction *This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

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Love Lifted Me

Verse 1

I was sinking deep in sin,
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within,
Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me—
Now safe am I.

Chorus

Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me;
Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.

Verse 2

All my heart to Him I give,
Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live,
Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true
Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too,
To Him belongs.

Chorus

Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me;
Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.